Modernisation of NTC mills

1650. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the NTC mills; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Modernisation is a continuous process. *The Planning Commission has* so far indicated an outlay of Rs. 117 crores for modernisation and rationalisation of labour schemes of NTC during the 7th Plan period.

Stock piling of yarns and cloth

1651. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stocks of yarn and cloth are mounting with the textiles mills recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that raw cotton, polyester fibre, polyester filament yarn are having lesser buyers at present; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) For the period June-December 1985, yarn stocks have been higher than the corresponding period of the year 1984. As per the reports available, yarn stock increased from June to October 1985, after which a decline has been noticed in the stock of yarn. Stocks of cloth with the mills during 1985 have been lower as compared to the stocks of year 1984.

(b) and (c) Deliveries of polyester staple fibre have been higher during the year 1985 as compared to the year 1984. The deliveries of polyester filament yarn declined from October to December 1985 and in January 1986, the demand has considerably picked up. As regards cotton, estimated consumption in the year 1985-86 is around 87 lakh bales as compared to 86.5 lakh bales in the year 1984-85. However, availability of cotton during the current season has been more as compared to last season due to good crop this year and carry over from last year.

Closure of textile mills

1652. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: *Will the Minister of* TEXTILES be pleased to state what is the number of textile mills lying closed since May, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): As on 31-12-1985 there were 15 Cotton Textiles Mills that closed down after May, 1985.

D. A. to N.T.C. mill workers of West Bengal

1653. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have received any complaint from the General Secretary, West Bengal Cotton Textile Federation to the effect that the National Textile Corporation mills in West Bengal are not paying workers their D.A. according to the decision of Bureau of Public Enterprises at Rs. 1.65 per unit shift; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken on the complaint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The industrial dearness allowance rate announced by the Bureau of Public Enterprises is based on a different series of consumer price index and is not applicable to the said textile mills of NTC.